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Re: Duke University
Case No. 10-RC-187957
Duke University's Request for Expedited Review

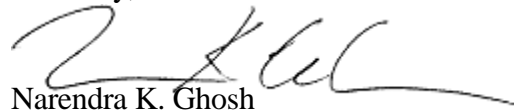
Dear Mr. Shinnars:

We represent the Service Employees International Union ("SEIU"), which filed the RC Petition in this matter to represent graduate student employees at Duke University ("Duke"). The Regional Director rejected Duke's request for a separate hearing regarding voter eligibility on December 7, 2016, and issued his Decision and Direction of Election on January 18, 2017. We received Duke's belated Request for Expedited Review last night, at 7:14 p.m., just days before the election is set to commence.

Duke's request should be promptly denied as the Regional Director's decisions are well supported by the record and Duke has not provided any facts showing that he clearly abused his discretion. Duke has therefore not made any "clear showing that it is necessary" to conduct expedited review, stay the election, or impound the ballots, as is required under Rule 102.67(j)(2).

We intend to file a substantive response to Duke's request by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, February 1, 2017, in the event that the request is not denied in the interim.

Sincerely,



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cc: Claude Harrell, Regional Director
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